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Serial Number: 10/058,393

Filing Date: January 28, 2002

Applicant: Casella, L. J. R. *et alia*

*Petition for Extension of
Time of Three Months*

Title: Rapid Methods and Devices for the Detection of
Coliform and the Detection and Confirmation of
E. coli

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME OF THREE MONTHS

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents for an extension of three months in responding to an Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicant, a small business under 37 CFR 1.9(f), includes a check in the amount of \$475.00, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted:


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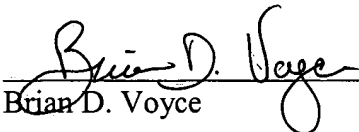
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I, Brian D. Voyce, attorney for the Applicant in Serial Number 10/058,393 filed 01/28/02, hereby certify and declare that the following documents attached hereto, have been deposited with the United States Postal Service, being addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, having been affixed with proper postage for express mail delivery, EJ64702853/IS, this 3rd day of November 2003:

A Petition for an Extension of Time of Three Months

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